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Mr. Guy von Dardel  
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Dear Mr. von Dardel:

I have been asked to reply on President Reagan's behalf to your letter about your brother, Raoul Wallenberg.

As you know from your recent series of meetings in Washington with Ambassadors Kampelman and Shifter and with me, we remain very concerned about the fate of your brother. We have raised his case with Soviet government representatives a number of times during the past several months but we have not to date received a satisfactory reply to our inquiries. As I promised you, during our Moscow meeting in October I spoke with Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gerasimov about Raoul Wallenberg and, in particular, about the significance to be attached to the alleged Soviet reinvestigation of the case. Mr. Gerasimov explained that he had raised the matter in public on the occasion of the anniversary simply as a matter of public information. But, he said, he had also received your letter, and should "probably" reply to it. I understand that the Soviet reply has since been relayed to your sister, Nina Lagergren, by the Soviet Ambassador to Sweden.

We appreciated your suggestion that we raise your brother's case again during President Reagan's meeting last week with Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev. Although, as a matter of policy, we do not comment on which specific cases we discuss in any given high-level meeting, I can assure you that human rights was at the top of our agenda.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Simons, Jr.  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
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